

REMARKS

These Remarks are presented in response to the Office Action. Claims 1-2, 6, and 8 are amended. Claims 3 and 9 are cancelled. Claims 1-2, 4-8, and 10 are pending in the application.

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks. For the convenience and reference of the Examiner, the remarks of the Applicant are presented in the order in which the corresponding issues were raised in the Office Action.

I. Objection to the Drawings

The Examiner has objected to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a), asserting that “the plurality of positions must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claims 6-10.” Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Particularly, Figure 4 clearly shows a chassis 102 “having an opening with a plurality of positions that each can receive a pluggable modular component.” Indeed, Figure 4 shows a pluggable modular component (a network tap module 104) installed in the leftmost position of the plurality of positions. Further, Applicant notes that Figures 1 and 2 each clearly show a chassis 102 with twelve network tap modules 104, each of which is installed in a corresponding position in the chassis 102. In light of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the objection to the drawings should be withdrawn.

II. Objections to the Specification

a. The Examiner has objected to the specification “under 37 C.F.R. 1.75(d) because the plurality of positions have not been described in the specification.” Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Particularly, the attention of the Examiner is respectfully directed to paragraph [0027] of the specification where it is stated that “The housing 100 includes one card guide 134 associated with each position designed to receive a network tap module 104.” (emphasis added). Likewise, further down in paragraph [0027], an illustrative example is provided where “housing 100 is designed to receive up to twelve network tap modules 104...” (emphasis added). Finally, paragraph [0027] also refers to a module 14 that “is inserted into the housing 100 at a location adjacent to network tap positions that have not yet received tap modules 104” (emphasis added). As the foregoing makes clear, a chassis having a plurality of positions is amply disclosed in the specification.

b. The Examiner has also objected to the title of the specification asserting that “[t]he title of the invention is not descriptive,” and that “[a] new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.” Applicant respectfully disagrees.

The current title of the invention is “Displaceable Card Guide for High Packing Ratio Housings.” Claim 1 of the current application is directed to “A displaceable card guide for use with a high packing

ratio housing for pluggable modular components, comprising...” (emphasis added). Therefore, the current title of the invention is descriptive and “is clearly indicative of the invention to which” at least claim 1 is directed.

In light of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the objections to the specification should be withdrawn.

III. Claim Objection

The Examiner has objected to claim 3 asserting that “Line 2: ‘constrains’ should be change to – constrain --...” Applicant submits that in light of the cancellation of claim 3 herein, the objection has been rendered moot and should accordingly be withdrawn.

IV. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph, for allegedly “being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.” For at least the reasons outlined herein, however, Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner and submits that the rejection of those claims should be withdrawn.

1. Purported indefiniteness of claims 1 and 6

The Examiner has rejected claims 1 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph, asserting that “Claims 1 and 6 recite the second opposite end attached to the guide is not clear.” Applicant respectfully disagrees but submits that in light of the amendments herein to claims 1 and 6, the rejection has been overcome and should accordingly be withdrawn.

2. Purported indefiniteness of claims 2 and 8

The Examiner has rejected claims 2 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph, asserting that “Claims 2 and 8 recite the lateral wall of the position which is not understood. Which position – the extended position or the retracted position and what is meant by a lateral wall of the position.” Applicant respectfully disagrees but submits that in light of the amendments herein to claims 2 and 8, the rejection has been overcome and should accordingly be withdrawn.

3. Purported indefiniteness of claim 3

The Examiner has rejected claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph, asserting that “Claim 3 recites inserted into the position which is not understood. Which position – the extended position or the retracted position and what is meant by inserted into the position.” Applicant disagrees with the Examiner but submits that in light of the cancellation of claim 3 herein, the rejection has been rendered moot and should accordingly be withdrawn.

4. Purported indefiniteness of claims 6-10

The Examiner has rejected claims 6-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph, asserting that claims 6-10 are allegedly “incomplete for omitting essential structural cooperative relationships of elements, such omission amounting to a gap between the necessary structural connections” and that the “omitted structural cooperative relationships are: relationship of power supply to other limitations in the claim is missing.” Applicant respectfully submits that in light of the amendments herein to claim 6, the rejection has been overcome as to claim 6, and as to claims 7-10 which depend therefrom, and should accordingly be withdrawn.

5. Purported indefiniteness of claim 9

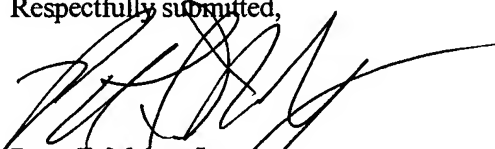
The Examiner has rejected claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph, asserting that “Claim 9 recites received by the position which is not understood. Which position – the extended position or the retracted position and what is meant by received by the position.” Applicant disagrees with the Examiner but submits that in light of the cancellation of claim 9 herein, the rejection has been rendered moot and should accordingly be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the remarks and amendments submitted herein, Applicant respectfully submits that each of the pending claims 1-2, 4-8, and 10 is now in condition for allowance. Therefore, reconsideration of the rejections is requested and allowance of those claims is respectfully solicited. In the event that the Examiner finds any remaining impediment to a prompt allowance of this application that could be clarified in a telephonic interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to initiate the same with the undersigned attorney.

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